

patients and that the implants bleed silicone, and the amount is uncertain. Now that comes from the Department of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Maryland. So, for all those reasons, I really believe firmly that this amend...this part of the amendment should be adopted because I think these women do need some recourse and some help in going back to the manufacturer, and, incidentally, none of these happen to be manufactured in Nebraska. But one of the things that this one woman mentioned that she said she could not go back to Dow Corning, someone said along the line in the debate here today that manufacturers are not unscrupulous as a rule. I think Dow Corning is because they knew they were having problems and they did not do anything to try to help women who had the problem, and neither did they stop selling the implants. As I said earlier, women were sold a bill of goods. They were sold...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...a Madison Avenue slick magazine type of advertising thing. For health reasons, many of them are for health reasons, but a lot of it is cosmetic because women feel like they want to look like a woman. So for that reason, I will ask you to support this part of the amendment, and then we can go on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam Chair, members, I can support this part of the bill now, and I think it's very important that we realize what we have done is made Nebraska proactive. We aren't reacting to potential injuries. If you just apply and put in the medical, and as we did, as happened several years ago, they made the exception for asbestos, that's being reactive afterwards. I think as with the amendment now, we are proactive. We can take care of situations that may arise in the future and, in the medical situation, we don't have to wait for an injury or some product to fail, we will have the ability in the legislation now to respond to those things instead of waiting to have to make an exception in the future. This portion of the amendment, I believe, without it the bill covered it, but by making it a specific section in the amendment, it will clarify the details of medical implants and provided that exception. With that, I hope we move this on.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Crosby.